

FARM AND FOREST PROTECTION PROGRAM RANKING WORKSHEET; MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA		
RANKING CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS GIVEN
A. WORKING LANDS RESOURCES	45 Total	
1. Property is a WORKING Farm and/or Forest	10 Total	
a. Family farm and/or forest provides principal income; Owned and operated by one or more family member(s) whose principal occupation and income (more than half) is farming and /or forestry on the applicant property.	10	
OR		
b. Family farm and/or forest income from property; Owned and operated by at least one family member who produces farm or forest products derived from the applicant property.	8	
OR		
c. All other farms and/or forests which produce farm or forest products derived from the applicant property.	6	
2. Property adjoins a WORKING farm and/or forest	2 Total	
3. Property is a PRODUCTIVE farm and/or forest--	10 Total	
<i>Defined by a weighted average of items a.& b. below. For example: (1) a 300 acre farm has 200 acres in agricultural production, of which 150 acres are in soils capability class II or better. Of the 200 acres, 150 or 75% qualify = 7.5 points = 7.5 points x 67% (the percentage of the total acreage being farmed) = 5 points (2) The same farm has 100 acres classed as productive forest with a forest management plan giving 100% qualifying = 10.0 points = 10.0 point x 33% (of the total applicant acreage) = 3.3 points. (3) 5 + 3.3 = 8.3 sample score for a. & b.</i>		
a. For agricultural land: The property contains a percentage of capability class II,III, or IV soils based on federal NRCS classifications found in the USDA Soil Survey of Madison County, Virginia. ____ % of applicant property in agriculture x ____% with soil Class II+ x 10 = ____ points	10	
b. For forest land: the property is presently forested AND the site index for Yellow Poplar found in the USDA Soil Survey for Madison County, Virginia, is 75 or greater. ____ % of applicant property in Forest x ____% with site index of 75 or greater x 10 = ____ points	10	
4. Farm Plan or Forest Plan (Based on % of property in farm and/or forest)	3 Total	
a. A Farm Conservation Plan (USDA Plan) has been developed--two points. Such a plan is being implemented--one point. ____ # Points X ____% Applicant Property in Agriculture = ____ points.	3	
b. A Forest Stewardship Management Plan has been developed for the Applicant Property in Forestry--two points. Recommendations of a Plan are being implemented--one point. ____ # Points X ____% Forestal Land = points.	3	
5. Size of the Property	20 Total	
One (1) point for each twenty-five (25) acres (20 points maximum) An additional bonus of one (1) point for each 200 acres over 400 acres.	20 (+15)	
B. WATER RESOURCES	15 Total	
1. The property is contiguous to a river, contiguous to or containing a perennial stream, or contiguous to a public drinking water reservoir.	5	
2. The property is presently subject to an easement whose primary purpose is to establish or maintain vegetative buffers adjoining rivers and/or streams. The property has a soil conservation plan whose main purpose is to reduce erosion	5	
3. The property is within a groundwater recharge area as defined on a map in the County Administrator's office	5	
C. THREAT OF CONVERSION TO DEVELOPED USE	25 Total	
1. The number of division rights to be eliminated on the property: one (1) point for each division right to be eliminated, which shall be determined by subtracting the number of retained division rights from the number of possible division rights obtainable at the time of the application.	20	
2. The property is threatened with forced sale or other hardship: five (5) points	5	
D. OPEN SPACE RESOURCES	7 Total	
1. The property adjoins an existing permanent conservation easement, a national park, state wildlife management area, or other permanently protected open space; one (1) point for every 500 feet of shared boundary.	5	
2. The property adjoins a State Scenic Byway	2	
E. SUPPORTING / SECONDARY RESOURCES	8 Total	
1. The property is a VDACS designated 'Century Farm' or a Certified Stewardship Forest.	5	
2. The property is within a national or state historic/archaeological district or contains a national or state historic landmark: one (1) point. The property contains sites of archaeological significance (including cemeteries) as determined by a qualified archaeologist: One (1) point for each site.	3	
POINT TOTALS	100 TOTAL	
BONUS/ FUND LEVERAGING	10 Total	
1. State, federal or private funding identified to leverage the purchase of the conservation easement; one (1) point for each ten percent of the purchase price,	10	
2. Land owner donates a percentage of the conservation easement as a bargain sale; one (1) point for each ten percent of the purchase price.	10	
TOTAL ALL	110 TOTAL	